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Great Industrial Parliament to Meet in Washington on 23d of Next Month.

GOVERNORS NAME DELEGATES

Question of Sanitary Conditions in South Will be One of Leading Issues.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The Southern Industrial Parliament, which is to convene in this city on the 23d of next month, will be one of the most important meetings so far held in Washington, and it is expected that the question of sanitary conditions in the South will be one of the leading issues. The object of the convention is to call attention to the rapid development of the South and what is being done there in the way of development of natural resources. The convention will also discuss the question of sanitary conditions in the South. The Southern section of the Union is malnourished, and filled with the germs of many diseases liable to end human life in a twinkling, will be discussed. It is official health reports showing that it compares favorably in this respect with any section of the country.

What It Will be.

Dr. Walter C. Murphy, formerly of North Carolina, but for a number of years resident in this city, has taken an active part in arranging for the convention. He has been designated as the conductor of the correspondence and to arrange the details of the convention. Dr. Murphy said to-day:

"No assembly of Southern representatives since the adjournment of the Secession Convention in Charleston, S. C., in 1861, is fraught with greater interest to the people of the South than the Southern Industrial Parliament, which will convene at 10 o'clock tomorrow in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 23d day of May, 1905."

"The results of the Charleston Convention were sectional, disunion, fraternal strife and war. The object of the coming parliament is commercial fellowship, industrial growth, American supremacy, one language, one country and one flag."

"The parliament had its conception in the brains of a number of Southern congressmen, who felt that the time had come for an official announcement, that in the South laws were favorable to the investor and that public order and private rights were firmly upheld and maintained."

"At first, it was contemplated to have a few representatives from the South assemble in Washington and publish an address upon the industrial conditions existing there, which in railroad building, manufacturing, mining, lumbering, commerce and agriculture will be shown by the official records of the Department of Commerce and Labor to be in a most gratifying condition."

"The announcement was most favorably received. Not only did it meet with a cordial reception from the business men in the South, but the Governors of eight States answered that they would send delegates from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana."

"There has heretofore been a wide misapprehension on two subjects which has done the South a great injustice. That is that the sanitary conditions are unsatisfactory, and that vested rights were not held as sacred as elsewhere. As a matter of fact, there was some reputation in the South after the war, but these debts were contracted by men not having the best interest of the South at heart and the taxpayers felt that the indebtedness was unjust and their States never recovered value."

"The Southern capitalists, who have invested in Southern railway bonds, mining enterprises and manufacturing industries, are now perfectly satisfied with their investments and their dividends. Medical men of recognized authority in their respective localities, who witness the healthfulness and sanitary conditions in the South are not inferior to those in other States. These facts will reach the popular ear by the session of this parliament."

"In discussing the Southern Industrial Parliament, P. S. Barger, the general of immigration of the United States of America, who will be one of the orators in the parliament, said to-day:

"In the centuries to come, the great Mississippi Valley will be the center of the world's greatest achievement, and New Orleans is its gateway. The wave chart of immigration, thus far shows an inadequate flow to the Southern States, which is not due to soil or climate and must be attributed to artificial conditions which the Southern people must control. The assured early completion of the Panama Canal will give a gratifying impulse to the commercial prosperity of the Southern States and Galveston, New Orleans and Mobile; and even Savannah, Charleston and Wilmington will derive great benefit."

SAILORS FIGHT FIRE.
Cruiser Topeka Threatened by a Blazing Lighter.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT, Va., April 20.—Fire started on a lighter which was putting coal aboard the protected cruiser Topeka in the harbor here to-day. The blaze is supposed to have started from sparks from the engine. The fire crews of the cruiser were called out, and the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

The lighter was on the windward side of the cruiser, and the consequences might have been serious but for the prompt work of the blue jackets.

SCHOOLS.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.
LEXINGTON, VA., April 20.—The Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute will appoint STATE CADETS to fill vacancies in the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 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